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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(May 1, 1950 - May 15, 1950)

NSC 69 EXPORT CONTROLS AND SECURITY POLICY
(See NSC Action No. 293)

NSC 38/6 FUTURE COURSES OF U. S. ACTION WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRIA
(See NSC Action No. 294)

NSC 70 MAY DAY AND WHITSUNTIDE YOUTH RALLIES IN BERLIN
NSC 70/1 (See NSC Action No. 297)

FORTHCOMING FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
(See NSC Action No. 296)

NSC 24/4 PHASE-OUT OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT
(See Progress Report by Under Secretary of State, dated
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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSCSUPPORT FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA IN THE FIELDS OF INTELLIGENCE
AND OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

(NSC 66; memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 4, and May 11, 1950)

Report by the Secretary of State submitted by the reference memo for consideration and memorandum action by the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission. In accordance with the suggestion of the Secretary of State, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, and the Director of Central Intelligence were requested to designate representatives in advance to prepare a report for consideration by the National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, in the event that the recommendations in NSC 66 were approved. The following actions have been received:

State: Approves recommendations; designates
Mr. Howland Sargeant

Defense: Recommends no further action by the Council
until an ad hoc committee of the IAC completes its current investigation of problem.

Treasury: Approves recommendations.

NSRB: Approves recommendations.

FCC: Disapproves recommendations, with comment
that there should be a re-evaluation of the
entire "Voice" operations; designates
Mr. Curtis B. Plummer.

CIA Designates Mr. Ralph L. Clark and reports
on current related activities.

Comments of Secretary of Defense, Chairman, FCC, and Director, CIA transmitted by reference memo of May 11 for Council consideration in connection with the reference report. The Chairman, FCC will participate in the Council's consideration of this subject. Scheduled as item 1 on the agenda for the 57th NSC meeting, May 18.

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PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY COLLABORATION
(NSC 56; NSC 56/1)

Report by the Secretary of Defense including a draft NSC report on the subject and an interim directive to the Chairman, U. S. Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, circulated to the Council for information as NSC 56 and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Draft report of February 14, 1950, by the NSC Staff considered by Consultants at a meeting on March 2, 1950, and referred back to NSC Staff for revision in light of the discussion. Revision by NSC Staff concurred in by the NSC Consultants on April 27 and submitted for Council consideration as NSC 56/1. Scheduled as item 2 on the agenda for the 57th NSC meeting, May 18.

PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING NSC 68

(NSC 68; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 17 and April 24, 1950; NSC Action No. 289c.)

The questions of reconstituting the NSC Staff and of coordinating the implementation of the programs proposed in response to NSC 68, have been scheduled, pursuant to NSC Action No. 289c, for consideration as item 3 on the agenda for the 57th meeting, May 18, 1950. (See "United States Objectives and Programs for National Security," Section 5.)

PROGRESS REPORT ON NSC 26/2

(NSC 26/2; Progress Report dated April 21, 1950 by the Under Secretary of State on the Implementation of NSC 26/2; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 9, 1950)

Scheduled as item 4 on the agenda of the 57th meeting, May 18, 1950, for discussion of the last paragraph of the reference Progress Report, in which the Secretary of State expressed the wish to draw to the attention of the NSC as a matter of urgency an important development affecting the policy outlined in NSC 26/2.

Also scheduled for discussion are the comments of the Joint Chiefs of Staff circulated by the reference memo.

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PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

U. S. POLICY TOWARD ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE NEAR EAST

(NSC 65/1 and 65/2; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 17, and May 10, 1950)

NSC 65/1, adopted by the NSC at its 54th meeting (NSC Action No. 286) and referred to the President, returned by the President to the NSC and the Secretary of the Treasury for reconsideration in the light of his remarks on the report to the Secretaries of State and Defense on April 14. With the concurrence of the Secretaries of State and Defense, the report was referred to the NSC Consultants for preparation of a revised report for Council consideration. A redraft of the Conclusions of NSC 65/1 proposed by State Consultant was concurred in by the Defense and NSRB Consultants and the revised report submitted for Council memorandum action as NSC 65/2, by the reference memo. Approved by Treasury and NSRB, May 10. Approved by State and Defense subject to an amendment to paragraph 12-e, May 15. Amendment approved by NSRB May 15. Awaiting action by other Council members on the amended report.

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR INTELLIGENCE

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 28, 1949; NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237; NSC 50)

Final progress report by the Director of Central Intelligence, of those called for by NSC 50 and NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237, circulated by the reference memorandum for Council information.

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3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

(NONE)

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4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFFAPPRAISAL OF U. S. NATIONAL INTERESTS IN SOUTH ASIA

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 2, and June 17, 1949, ref. SANACC 360/14; NSC Action No. 224; ref. NSC 48/2)

Report by SANACC (360/14) on above subject, and amendments proposed by the Secretary of Defense, referred by the Council at its 42nd Meeting to the NSC Staff for use in preparation of a report pursuant to NSC 48, "U. S. Policy Toward Asia", and for reexamination in light of that study (NSC 48/2) and the discussion at the meeting. Initial draft by State circulated May 2, awaiting Staff consideration.

ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE U. S. ASSUMPTION OF BRITISH MILITARY COMMITMENTS

Upon the informal suggestion of the Department of State, the NSC Staff initiated on September 22, 1949, an analysis to show which British military commitments we might have to take over if the British gave them up and the possible cost to us. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 235 on "Britain's Overseas Military Commitments", furnished to Staff October 13, 1949, and ORE 93-49, on November 21, 1949, for consideration in connection with the subject. Initial Defense draft of February 23, 1950, revised by Staff, April 4, 1950. Analysis further revised by Staff and circulated May 10. Awaiting Staff consideration.

UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING TRADE WITH CHINA
(NSC 41/1)

A report by the Secretary of State, circulated to the Council for information, has been referred at the suggestion of the Secretary of State to the NSC Staff for preparation, as a matter of urgent priority, of a report for consideration by the Council. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, the views of the Department of Commerce are being obtained in connection with the Staff study, and the Secretary of Commerce will be invited to participate in any Council consideration of the report. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 253 on "The Effectiveness of Control of Exports to Communist China", dated December 12, 1949, furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the subject. Suggested State revisions received December 2; Defense draft received December 13, 1949; Additional Defense and State drafts received February 27 and February 28, 1950. Awaiting further Staff discussion on a proposed memo to NSC Consultants requesting clarification and guidance, together with State and Defense suggested changes thereto.

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IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd)

PROVISION OF ARMED FORCES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft report on the subject, transmitted by the Deputy Under Secretary of State, recommended the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Initial draft by Department of State circulated to NSC Staff March 31, 1950. Awaiting Staff consideration.

ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL OF U. S. OBJECTIVES, COMMITMENTS, AND RISKS IN RELATION TO MILITARY POWER

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 20, 1949; NSC Action No. 270; NSC 35; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR", dated May 25 and June 21, 1949; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures..." dated March 30, 1949; NSC Action No. 280b)

At its 51st Meeting, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on the above subject. CIA Intelligence Memos No. 263, "Estimate of Political Factors in the Strategic Situation, in the Event of War Before July 1951", dated January 20, 1950; No. 268, "Estimate of Soviet Capabilities and Intentions: Economic: 1951 and 1954", dated January 25, 1950; and No. 270, "Possible Political Developments of Strategic Significance, Between 1951 and 1954", dated January 28, 1950, furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the project. The reference papers on "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR" were referred by the Council (NSC Action No. 280b) to the Staff for consideration in connection with this project. Departmental studies of scope and nature of this project underway. Staff members assisting in these studies as a preliminary step.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
(NSC 68; NSC Action No. 289b; Memos for NSC, subject, "Proposed Procedure for Handling NSC 68," dated April 17 and 24, respectively; Memo for Ad Hoc Committee from Executive Secretary, subject: "Initial Questions Confronting the Committee," dated April 28, 1950.)

A letter from the President and the Report by the Secretaries of State and Defense referred to therein, transmitted as NSC 68, and the reference memo of April 17 proposing a procedure for handling NSC 68, were discussed at the 55th NSC meeting. The Secretary of the Treasury, the Economic Cooperation Administrator, the Director, Bureau of the Budget and the Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, participated in this Council action. Pursuant to NSC Action No. 289b, an ad hoc committee was established to prepare a response to the President's directive in NSC 68 as a matter of urgency. Four meetings of the ad hoc committee have been held to date to consider NSC 68 and the reference memos. (See also "Proposed Procedure for Handling NSC 68, Section 2.) Two drafting subcommittees have been established, one on programs and the other on organization. Awaiting the preparation of a response by the ad hoc committee.

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OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 23, 1949, ref. NSC 18/4, paragraph 28)

Pursuant to par. 28 of NSC 18/4, approved by the President on November 18, 1949, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Acting Chairman, NSRB, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget designated representatives to assist in the preparation of a study on the methods by which the United States can make available military assistance to meet emergency needs not provided for in existing legislation. At a meeting of these representatives on December 12, 1949, an outline for the study was agreed upon and drafts of certain sections undertaken by State, Defense, and Justice. The Director of Central Intelligence has prepared an estimate of likely contingencies where military assistance may be requested which is not provided for in existing legislation, together with an analysis of problems in connection therewith peculiar to particular foreign countries or areas. Overall draft report prepared by Defense on the basis of the 3 section drafts by State, Defense, and Justice, circulated February 14, 1950, and considered together with a memo by Budget, at a meeting on March 9. Committee awaiting revised draft report by State.

JAPANESE PEACE TREATY

(NSC 60; NSC 48/2; NSC 44; memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Limited Military Armament for Japan", dated March 11, 1949; memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject: "Planning for Limited Japanese Armed Forces", dated April 27, 1949)

Pursuant to paragraph 3-d of NSC 48/2, the question of a peace settlement with Japan will be presented for Council consideration at a later date. The current views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this subject circulated for Council information as NSC 60. NSC 44 and related papers, previously under consideration by the NSC Consultants, referred by agreement among Consultants for consideration in connection with this project. Awaiting results of further study by State and Defense.

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OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

U. S. ECONOMIC AID TO FAR EASTERN AREAS

(NSC 61; Memos for Working Group from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 3, April 17; April 28, and May 10, 1950.)

Pursuant to NSC 61, a report by the Under Secretaries of State and the Army, and with the concurrence of the President, representatives for a Working Group were designated as follows by the Secretaries of State, Defense, the Treasury, and Commerce and by the Economic Cooperation Administrator, to prepare a report for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Economic Cooperation Administrator looking to closer coordination of economic and military aid programs generally for Far Eastern areas: State, Mr. Rusk; Defense, Mr. Voorhees; Treasury, Mr. Martin; Commerce, Mr. Blaisdell; ECA, Mr. Cleveland. At a meeting on February 28, this Working Group designated a Staff Committee, including a representative from the Bureau of the Budget, to prepare a draft report. Alternatives and dissents to the Staff Committee report of April 3, and additional information, circulated by the reference memos dated April 17 and 28, were considered by the Working Group at a meeting on May 3, and the Staff Committee requested to re-draft a report in accordance with the discussion. Revised report submitted to Working Group by the reference memo of May 10. Approved by State and Defense, May 15. Awaiting action by Treasury, Commerce and ECA.

APPRAISAL OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 7, 1950; NSC Action No. 282)

In approving the proposal by the Acting Chairman, NSRB, in the reference memo, the NSC directed (NSC Action No. 282) the Central Intelligence Agency, in collaboration with the government agencies concerned, to organize and conduct a study of foreign economic intelligence requirements, facilities and arrangements related to the national security and, based on the findings of this study, to prepare for Council consideration and action a comprehensive plan for satisfying the foreign economic intelligence requirements of the national security and for a coordinated interagency effort to this end based on a definite allocation of responsibilities among the agencies concerned. Awaiting report by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration subsequently deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 20 and 35 Series. Awaiting completion of a study on this subject being prepared by the Department of State as a long-term project.

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